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TAGS: ENRG, TECH, PARM, BR, OW

SUBJECT: SECRETARY KISSINGER'S LETTER TO
FONMIN SILVEIRA ON THE NUCLEAR AGREEMENT

REFS: BRASILIA 5275, 5309

1. FONMINAS SILVEIRA'S REFERENCES TO A LETTER FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER (REFS) RECEIVED FURTHER PRESS ATTENTION OVER THE WEEKEND. FOLHA DE SAO PAULO (JUNE 28) REPORTED THAT ALTHOUGH ITAMARATY CONFIRMED THE EXISTENCE OF THE LETTER, "IT WOULD NOT DIVULGE THE CORRESPONDENCE, ALLEGING THAT ONLY THE ADDRESSEE HAS AUTHORIZATION TO DO THIS... IT WAS MADE KNOWN, HOWEVER, THAT IN GENERAL TERMS SECRETARY KISSINGER EXPLAINED TO THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT THAT THE OFFICIAL POSITION OF THE US IS NOT EXACTLY THAT DEFENDED IN NEWSPAPERS LIKE THE NEW YORK TIME OR THE WASHINGTON POST OR BY SOME US SENATORS. THUS, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN MUCH LESS RADICAL, RECOGNIZING AS WELL THE RIGHT OF BRASIL TO ENTER THE ATOMIC CLUB."

2. MONDAY'S PAPERS REPORTED THAT, IN HIS AIRPORT REMARKS SUNDAY AFTER ARRIVING IN BRASILIA
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FROM BONN, SILVEIRA REFUSED TO SAY ANYTING ELSE

ABOUT THE LETTER., RIO'S JORNAL DO BRASIL (JUNE 30)
SAID THAT "SILVEIRA EXCUSED HIMSELF YESTERDAY, SAY-
ING THATHE WAS TREATING THE LETTER FROM KISSINGER AS PERSONAL,
AND THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAD ADDRESSED HIM SIMPLY AS
ANTONIO, AND FOR THIS REASON IT WAS NOT SUITABLE
TO DIBULGE THE TEXT." RIO'S O GLOBO (JUNE 30) QUOTED
SILVEIRA AS SAYING:"I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM
KISSINGER BUT IT WAS OF A PERSONAL CHARACTER. IT
WAS SO PERSONAL THAT HE CALLED ME ANTONIO. AS YOU
CAN SEE, A LETTER OF THIS TONE COULD NOT HAVE
BEEN OFFICIAL."

3. FOLHA DE SAO PAULO (JUNE 28) QUOTED ARENA
SENATOR VIRGILIO TAVORA, SPEAKING IN THE
ROLE OS SPOKESMAN FOR PRESIDENT GEISEL, AS SAYING
IN THE SENATO ON FRIDAY THAT:"THE AGREEMENT CONSTI-
TUTES A SUBJECT OF WORLD-WIDE REPERCUSSION, INTEREST-
ING SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER HIMSELF, WHO,
IN CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO THE CHANCELLOR WHEN
THE GREATEST UPROAR WAS BURSTING FORTH, EXPLAINED THE
TRUE POSITION OF GOVERNMENT OF THE GREAT AMERICAN NATION IN
REGARD TO THE (RECENT) EVENTS."
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